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height of the person is $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet. This fact has been recorded even by the assessors. May I know whether any report has been received with regard to this?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I have already said that we have not received any representation. I do not know any details about the case."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—"Now and then questions are put whether the Government have received such and such a memorandum and the Government reply that they have not received it. If a Member says that such a memorandum was sent, is such an assertion by a Member in order?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member only pointed out to the Government that he has received only a copy of the memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister."

Gruel centre for the workers of Aaron Mills

* 933 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation in November 1954, from the workers of Pappinisseri Aaron Mills and the local M.L.A. requesting the continuance of the gruel centre which has been discontinued recently; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"(a) Yes.

"(b) The Government have instructed the Collector of Malabar to reopen the gruel centre and to run it for one more month or till the Mill is reopened, whichever is earlier."

Retrenchment in the Civil Supplies Department

* 934 Q.—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of employees retrenched from the Civil Supplies Department from May 1954;

(b) how many of them have been re-employed; and

(c) the proposals of the Government to absorb the rest?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"(a) Six hundred and forty-nine persons were discharged from service and three hundred and one persons were reverted to their parent departments from the Civil Supplies Department since May 1954 to the end of November 1954.

"(b) One hundred persons have so far been re-employed either in the Civil Supplies Department or in other departments of the Government.

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" (c) The Government of India have promised to take over the staff attached to the Civil Supplies godowns to the extent possible along with the transfer of the stocks. A fair portion of the staff is expected to be absorbed by the Government of India. As regards others, the Government have already given a number of concessions such as age concession, preferential treatment for allotment by Employment Exchange, etc., to facilitate their absorption in other departments."

SRI P. JEEVANANDAM :—" ஸிவில் ஸப்ளை இலாகாவிலிருந்து நீக்கப்பட்ட தொழிலாளிகளைத் திரும்ப வேலைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்கிறபோது சில பரீட்சைகள் வைத்து, அதில் அவர்கள் தேறினால்தான் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்படுகிறார்கள் என்று தெரியவருகிறது. ஏற்கெனவே வேலையி லிருந்தவர்களை பரீட்சை இல்லாமல் வேலைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ள சர்க்கார் முயற்சிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" குறிப்பிட்ட உத்தி யோகத்திற்கு வேண்டிய தகுதி ஒருவருக்கு இருக்கிறதா என்பதைக் கவனிக்காமல் வேலைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ள முடியாது. அதற்காகத் தான் பரீட்சை முறை வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆனால், பரீட்சை களிலும் பல சலுகைகள் அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்று நான் முன்பே சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions 935 and 936 relate to the same subject and they will be taken up together."

Supply of iddli and sambar to patients

* 935 *Q*.—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that patients in the mufassal hospitals are being supplied iddlies and sambar for their breakfast instead of bread and butter ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Patients in the Government Headquarters Hospitals at Tanjore, Madurai and Salem are being supplied with iddlies and sambar.

" (*b*) It has been reported that patients relish iddlies and sambar better than bread."

* 936 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to supply to the patients in the Government hospitals, iddli and sambar instead of bread and butter supplied at present ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, in the City hospitals and in the District Headquarters Hospitals.

" (*b*) It has been reported that patients relish iddlies and sambar better than bread."